

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1985

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1985

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

STUDY TYPE

Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]

SERIES INFORMATION

Registration of vital events commenced in 1867 with the enactment of civil registration laws which conferred the legal sanction for the registration of events namely, live births, deaths, still births and marriages. According to the law every live birth has to be registered within 42 days and death within 5 days from the date of occurrence.

Although birth registrations are compulsory by law, few events are missed and not registered for various reasons.

Births are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of residence of the mother..

ABSTRACT

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Although birth and death registrations are compulsory by law, few events are missed and not registered for various reasons.

By the survey conducted in 1980, to assess the completeness of birth and death registrations, it was found that about 98.8 per cent of births and 94.0 per cent of deaths are being registered at any given time.

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KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individual Birth

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.

VERSION DATE

2008-07-29

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Birth 1985 include :

- District
- AGA Division
- Registrar's Division
- Month & Year

- Date of Birth
- If urban, assessment number, street and town
- If rural, Name of villahe
- AGA's Division
- District
- Whether outside division
- Whether in hospital
- Live birth order
- Distinguishing letters
- Race
- Age of mother in years
- Were parents married
- Whether Twin,triple & etc

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]	CESSDA	Link

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage.

UNIVERSE

Records pertaining to Live births of Sri Lankan Nationals whose birth occurs in Sri Lanka

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs

PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Divisional Secretariats	Data Collection

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation
Government of Sri Lanka	GOSL

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
1985-01-01	1985-12-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Other [oth]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The Registrars of Births and Deaths attached to the Divisional Secretariat Offices send a monthly return of Births to the Additional District Registrars who in turn collect all such returns and send them to the Statistical Division of the Registrar General's Office for Data Processing purposes.

DATA COLLECTORS

Name	Affiliation
Registrars of Berths & Deaths	Registrar General's Department
Additional District Registrar	Registrar General's Department
Statistical Division - Registrar General Office	Registrar General's Department

Access policy

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Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
Births 1985 The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1985.	389599	23

Data file: Births 1985

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Cases: 389599

Variables: 23

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V105	SECTOR	Sector	
V106	DISTRICT	District	
V107	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	
V108	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	
V109	TOWN	Town	
V110	MONTH_REGISTER	Registered Month	
V111	YEAR_REGISTER	Registered Year	
V112	SEX	Sex	
V113	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	
V114	COL21_BIRTH_DAY	Date of Birth - Day	
V115	COL22_BIRTH_MONT	Date of Birth - Month	
V116	COL23_BIRTH_YEAR	Date of Birth - Year	
V117	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	
V118	COL5_DIST_RESIDE	District of Mother's Resident	
V119	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	
V120	COL7_DISTIN_LETR	Distinguishing Letters	
V121	COL8_RACE	Race	
V122	COL9_16_AGE_MOTH	Mother's Age	
V123	COL17_PARENT_MAR	Marital Status	
V124	COL18_TWIN_TRIPL	Type of birth	
V125	AGA_DIV_RESIDENC	Mother's AGA Division	
V126	ORDER_BIRTH	Live Birth Order	
V127	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	

Total: 23

SECTOR: Sector**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 3
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban	186308	47.8%
2	Rural	182235	46.8%
3	Estate	21056	5.4%

DISTRICT: District**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 26
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 27 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	43727	11.2%
2	Negombo	8379	2.2%
3	Kalutara	18894	4.8%
4	Kandy	30233	7.8%
5	Matale	10628	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	18012	4.6%
7	Galle	19631	5%
8	Matara	19847	5.1%
9	Hambantota	12327	3.2%
10	Jaffna	22182	5.7%
11	Mannar	2622	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	2364	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	11537	3%
14	Ampara	13893	3.6%
15	Trincomalee	6850	1.8%

16	Kurunegala	30554	7.8%
17	Puttalam	6575	1.7%
18	Chillaw	8595	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	16074	4.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	7021	1.8%
21	Badulla	15969	4.1%
22	Monaragala	9016	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	23911	6.1%
24	Kegalle	13412	3.4%
25	Mullativu	2355	0.6%
26	Gampaha	14991	3.8%

DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 18
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 23 Format: Numeric

REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 80
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 79 Format: Numeric

TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 186336 Invalid: 203263 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 15
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 60 Format: Numeric

MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 12
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	33300	8.5%
2	February	30450	7.8%
3	March	31561	8.1%
4	April	30608	7.9%
5	May	32706	8.4%
6	June	32766	8.4%
7	July	32860	8.4%
8	August	30443	7.8%
9	September	30964	7.9%
10	October	35674	9.2%
11	November	32280	8.3%
12	December	35987	9.2%

YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 85 Maximum: 85
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 85 - 85 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
85		389599	100%

SEX: Sex

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 2
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	198935	51.1%
2	Female	190664	48.9%

COL1_ENTRY_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389598 Invalid: 1 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9999
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 0 - 9999 Format: Numeric

COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 31
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 31 Format: Numeric

COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 12
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		4	0%
1	January	33906	8.7%
2	February	27759	7.1%
3	March	31769	8.2%
4	April	32381	8.3%
5	May	33493	8.6%
6	June	31571	8.1%
7	July	32546	8.4%
8	August	31273	8%
9	September	34088	8.7%
10	October	35909	9.2%

11	November	31399	8.1%
12	December	33501	8.6%

COL23_BIRTH_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 6 Maximum: 85
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 90 Format: Numeric

COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 11 Invalid: 389588 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 5
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 88 Format: Numeric

COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 98
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	34175	8.8%
2	Negombo	8604	2.2%
3	Kalutara	18371	4.7%
4	Kandy	28267	7.3%
5	Matale	9885	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	18915	4.9%
7	Galle	21420	5.5%
8	Matara	18249	4.7%
9	Hambantota	12890	3.3%
10	Jaffna	21967	5.6%
11	Mannar	2667	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	2437	0.6%

13	Batticaloa	11432	2.9%
14	Ampara	14589	3.7%
15	Trincomalee	7002	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	31001	8%
17	Puttalam	6632	1.7%
18	Chillaw	8576	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	16578	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	7144	1.8%
21	Badulla	15586	4%
22	Monaragala	9474	2.4%
23	Ratnapura	23780	6.1%
24	Kegalle	15706	4%
25	Mullativu	2466	0.6%
26	Gampaha	21784	5.6%
98		2	0%

COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV: Within the Registrars Division

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 1
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Out	150328	38.6%
1	In	239271	61.4%

COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 336692 Invalid: 52907 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

COL8_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 14
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	280660	72%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	46657	12%
3	Sri lanka Moors	32961	8.5%
4	Burghers Eurasia	821	0.2%
5	Malays	1085	0.3%
6	Veddah	67	0%
7	Indian Tamil	27128	7%
8	Indian Moors	29	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	6	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	17	0%
11	Europeans	41	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	20	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	10	0%
14	Unknown Race	97	0%

COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

Data file: Births 1985

Overview

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 53
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 57 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	0%
12		10	0%
13		8	0%
14		60	0%
15		364	0.1%
16		1404	0.4%

17		4187	1.1%
18		10210	2.6%
19		13511	3.5%
20		22070	5.7%
21		18918	4.9%
22		26370	6.8%
23		26981	6.9%
24		28186	7.2%
25		28184	7.2%
26		24653	6.3%
27		22845	5.9%
28		23202	6%
29		18569	4.8%
30		21241	5.5%
31		13849	3.6%
32		15941	4.1%
33		12392	3.2%
34		11011	2.8%
35		12718	3.3%
36		7597	1.9%
37		6666	1.7%
38		5802	1.5%
39		3604	0.9%
40		3331	0.9%
41		1578	0.4%
42		1530	0.4%
43		1062	0.3%
44		508	0.1%
45		590	0.2%
46		164	0%
47		123	0%
48		92	0%
49		41	0%
50		24	0%
52		1	0%
53		1	0%

COL17_PARENT_MAR: Marital Status**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 2
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	371427	95.3%
2	No	18172	4.7%

COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 4226 Invalid: 385373 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 5
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	2711	64.2%
2	Twins	1505	35.6%
3	Triple	8	0.2%
4	Quard	1	0%
5		1	0%
Sysmiss		385373	

AGA_DIV_RESIDENC: Mother's AGA Division**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 389599 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 98
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

ORDER_BIRTH: Live Birth Order**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 377712 Invalid: 11887 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 20
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 20 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		128155	33.9%
2		103734	27.5%
3		70462	18.7%
4		37500	9.9%
5		18709	5%
6		9367	2.5%
7		4761	1.3%
8		2551	0.7%
9		1225	0.3%
10		721	0.2%
11		279	0.1%
12		135	0%
13		59	0%
14		28	0%
15		7	0%
16		2	0%
17		2	0%
18		3	0%
19		2	0%
20		10	0%
Sysmiss		11887	

CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable**Data file: Births 1985****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 389599
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: - Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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